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Dear Stan:

As Chairman of the Military Economic Advisory Panel, I am writing to recommend that you invite Dr. Ivan Selin to join the Panel. With the expansion of the Panel's role to advise you on the status of political and economic research across the board, I believe Dr. Selin would provide an invaluable compliment to the talents already resident in the Panel.

He has extensive experience with program analysis, computer science, mathematics, and military budgets and technologies, in addition to his experience in senior policy-making positions in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense, Systems Analysis. Dr. Selin's background is especially appropriate given the increasing emphasis on and diffusion of quantitative analysis throughout the analytical components of the Intelligence Community.

For the time being, I would like to add Dr. Selin as a ninth member of the Panel. I expect, however, that Dr. Weiss, a Panel member from Lockheed, may soon resign his membership to take a high-level government post. In any event, Dr. Selin's Washington residence would mean that the marginal costs of adding him to the Panel would be low -- very low, in my judgment, in comparison to the contribution he would make.

I have attached a copy of Dr. Selin's biographical sketch for your perusal. I look forward to hearing from you on this matter at your earliest convenience.

Let me also take this opportunity to wish you a happy and successful and quieter 1978.

Warm regards,

*Wayne*

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